

Dear Dr. Frankel:

As you may know, we have been going ahead with a plan to visit Australia next summer under Fulbright auspices. We hope to teach a course in microbial genetics in Rubbo's department at Melbourne, to visit a number of other centers, and to do a spot of ~~handwork~~ benchwork on influenza genetics with Burnet.

Unfortunately, financial difficulties, shortage of time, and specific obligations ~~of~~ to a group of postdoctoral fellows make it impossible to spend as much time as we would like; we currently plan three months (June-July-August-...) in 1957. This plan is entirely acceptable to Professor Rubbo, but he anticipates some difficulty because of a query from ~~MR~~ Mr. Geoffrey G. Rossiter, Executive Officer, U.S. Educational Foundation in Australia, Box 89, GPO, Canberra. I am told the Foundation will endorse a program of less than 4 1/2 mos. "in very special circumstances". I have explained my circumstances by letter, but the phrase may also be concerned with an evaluation of the local value and ~~interest~~ interest in the visit. If there were more time, I would ask Professor Rubbo to ask for your endorsement in turn, but the Directors are meeting August 24. If you would have any interest in my visit, and can use your good offices in behalf of it, I would appreciate any comment you might be able to make to Mr. Rossiter.

If there is time, could you also pass this on to Frank Fenner? Rubbo may already have been in contact with him.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics